

C I R C U L A R .

Boston, November 3, 1845.

DEAR SIR—

In behalf of the State Committee, whose address is sent you herewith, I request you to take charge, in your town, of the business of circulating for signatures the remonstrance against the admission of Texas as a slave State, and to associate with yourself in the work such persons, without respect to party, as you see fit. We wish you to see to it, in your town, that the remonstrance, by being carried from house to house, and presented at the polls on election day, and by the aid of public meetings, should you judge them advantageous, receives all the signatures which can possibly be obtained, in *season* to be forwarded to Congress by the first Monday of December. If you cannot yourself attend to this important duty, will you engage some person who will, and transmit his or her name immediately to the undersigned? The Committee will be glad if you can forward the money, or any part of it, to pay for the tracts which it may be desirable to distribute to secure the fullest success of the remonstrance in your place; but, if you cannot pay for the tracts at all, we wish you without a moment's delay to order all that you want, and they shall be sent gratuitously and promptly in any way you direct.

What we invite you to is a "labor of love," to be sure—hard work, and no pay but the consciousness of having done a right and good thing. But a little zeal on your part will get you plenty of help, and many hands will make light work. Rely upon it confidently, that in every other of the 313 towns of this Commonwealth, this question of the admission of Texas as a slave State—to the eternal infamy if not undoing of this nation—will be put to the vote of every man and woman, and we shall have the votes of all the good and the true, recorded with their own hands, to send to Congress and to posterity. At least, the Committee pledge themselves that *they* will spare no labor to produce that result. Shall any man or woman in your town be neglected, and not have an opportunity of recording a vote on this momentous question? We throw the responsibility on you, as an active and self-sacrificing friend of liberty. The

time is so short that there is no option but to *press* some one person in each town into this service, and leave it to his conscience either to *do* the work personally, or *see* that it is done by some other person. Please write us at once by mail, or some *earlier* conveyance, what you can do, and add all you can to encourage us and others in the work. When you have done the work, write to us the result, informing us distinctly how many legal voters there are in your town, and what proportion of them are among the signers of the remonstrance, as nearly as you can. Although it is not designed to confine the remonstrance to legal voters, we wish to be able to state in publishing the general result, how large a portion of the voters of each town have signed.

Should you feel disposed to have a public meeting to rally the people of your own town, or of your portion of the county, or the whole county, and find the need of a spirited speaker to address you, the Committee will do what they can to supply you, if notified in season. But so short is the time, the Committee rely chiefly on circulating the Address, and carrying the remonstrance from house to house, and presenting it thoroughly on election day, and this is to be done by a prompt and wise arrangement and resolute labor. It certainly will be done. Do not say, or let it be said, that this is a party manoeuvre of any party. The names of the Committee disprove that. There are on the Committee zealous members of all parties, who have resolved for once to bury the hatchet of party strife, and, being agreed on this more important than any party question, *act together*. Be assured, this movement, from first to last, is, and will be, an uprising of the *humanity* of our old Bay State, of which we trust you are a large shareholder.

Enlist with us, heart and hand, we entreat you, and whatever result may ensue from our movement, you shall share with us in God's blessing.

Yours for Massachusetts, Mankind, and Liberty,

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